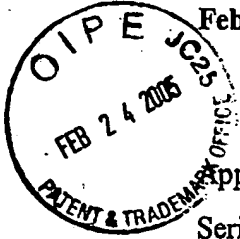


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Marc Beauregard et al. Group Art Unit: 1639
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Title: METHOD OF MUTAGENIC CHAIN REACTION
Attorney Docket: 15943-2US MG/dp

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application. The requested extension and appropriate small entity fee are as follows : Three months : \$510.00.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 19-5113.

Respectfully,

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